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New Commercial Large Game Shooting Area (CLGSA) License Available

Hello Prospective CLGSA Operator,

There is currently 1 Commercial Large Game Shooting Area License (CLGSA) newly available from the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF). There is a maximum of 11 CLGSA facilities in Maine, and turnover of licenses is rare. DACF is now accepting applications for this license.

Notice of license availability is made to all currently licensed cervid producers as well as the general public via printed and electronic media outlets. If you have received this letter but are not interested in applying for this license, no action is required. You may discard this letter and application.

All applicable CLGSA licensing fees must be paid at the time of the submission of the license application.

Application fees will be refunded for applicants who are not selected for licensure as a CLGSA.

Applications which do not include the licensing fees and all supporting documentation as required on the attached application form will not be considered for licensure.

All applications for this license and supporting documentation must be mailed to DACF at the address below and be postmarked no later than June 28, 2021. If more than one application received meets the program requirements, the applications will be reviewed by an interagency committee to involve DACF Animal Health and DIFW wildlife biologists. The committee will rank applications according to the program priorities described below:

In accordance with 7 M.R.S.A. Chapter 202-A, the applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Whether verification exists, based on a site visit, that the parcel has the physical characteristics to enable appropriate fencing to be constructed and maintained so as to minimize the risk of escape by captive large game. Fencing does not currently need to be in place, but a written agreement for the installation of fencing, including information on fencing type and location, must be in place and be included with the application. An operational CLGSA license will not be issued until DACF staff has inspected the completed fencing and found it to be adequate.

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- Geographic location in relation to other CLGSAs. Preference will be given to facilities in counties where licensed CLGSAs are not currently located. Consideration will also be given to whether the proposed CLGSA parcel is located in one of Maine's rural northern counties (Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Washington);
- Whether the applicant already holds a license to possess farmed cervids in Maine;
- Whether documentation is provided showing that the parcel in question is owned or is under valid long-term (minimum of 20 years) lease held by the applicant;
- Whether documentation is provided showing that the parcel in question is of sufficient size to meet the minimum land requirements for a commercial large game shooting area (i.e., 50 acres for cervids; 200 acres for bison or domesticated boar), in addition to land needed to perform other management activities on the proposed CLGSA;
- Whether documentation has been provided showing that the parcel in question meets all municipal and/or state zoning requirements pertaining to habitat alteration and firearms discharge.

Before submitting your application for this CLGSA license, please review the program requirements for participation as a licensed CLGSA or "hunt park" found in 7 MRSA Chapter 202-A and 01-001 DACF Rule Chapter 223. You may call the DACF Animal Health administrator at 207-287-3701 to request a printed copy of the program rules, or you may access them on the DACF Animal Health website:

www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal_health/index.shtml#cervids

If you have any questions about the application and/or selection process please feel free to contact me at carolyn.hurwitz@maine.gov or 207-592-6698. Please mail application and supporting documentation to:

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Sincerely,



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